

Keystone Bridge
Spanning South Fork of South Platte River
Upstream from Kassler
Jefferson-Douglas Counties
Colorado

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KEYSTONE BRIDGE
(Mill Gulch Bridge)

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Date: ca. 1870.

Location: Spanning South Fork of South Platte River upstream from Kassler on border of Jefferson and Douglas.

Built by: Keystone Bridge Company.

Owner: U.S. Forest Service.

Significance: The bridge is a pin connected iron Pratt through truss, bridge, manufactured by the Keystone Bridge Company of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. It was probably built originally for the Denver, South Park and Pacific Railroad other stone piers on the site indicate that this is probably the second bridge on the site.

The bridge was removed from railroad service about 1935 and was planked for automobile traffic. In 1978, the bridge was planned to be dismantled, piece marked and reassembled in another location. During construction of access road. It is a rare surviving bridge that incorporates "Keystone Column" compression members.

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